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## Terrazzo, Tile, Marble, and Mosaic Work Special Trade Contractors SIC 1743

During 1977, the establishments with payroll in this industry had business receipts of \$789.7 million. Of this amount, \$767.0 million were receipts for construction work, an increase of 9 percent compared with 1972. Their payments for construction work subcontracted to others amounted to \$16.1 million, leaving net construction receipts of about \$750.9 million. Total average employment in the industry showed a decrease of 28 percent from 1972 to 22.4 thousand employees. Payroll for 1977 amounted to \$256.2 million. Value added at \$443.5 million in 1977 was 6 percent more than in 1972.

The Terrazzo, Tile, Marble, and Mosaic Work Special Trade Contractors industry includes establishments primarily engaged in setting and installing ceramic tile, marble, and mosaic, and in mixing marble particles and cement to make terrazzo at the site of construction. This industry also includes contractors engaged in fresco work and mantel work. It does not include establishments primarily engaged in the manufacture of precast terrazzo steps, benches, and other terrazzo articles (industry 3272). Contractors primarily engaged in exterior marble work are classified in industry 1741; those primarily engaged in the installation of asphalt tile and vinyl tile are classified in industry 1752; those primarily engaged in the installation of plastic wall tile are classified in industry 1799. For a more detailed description, see the 1972 SIC Manual.<sup>1</sup>

For this census, a "construction establishment" was defined as a relatively permanent office or other place of business at which or from which the usual business activities related to construction were conducted. A separate census report was required from each establishment but not from each construction site. Instead, the data for work at each site were included in the report from the appropriate office or branch office. Foreign construction activities were not included in this census.

The 1977 Census of Construction Industries is the sixth census of construction establishments in the United States. As in previous years, it was conducted jointly with the censuses of

mineral industries, manufactures, retail trade, wholesale trade, and service industries under authority of title 13 of the United States Code. Although the first construction census was conducted covering 1929, only the data from the censuses of 1967 and 1972 are comparable with the 1977 data.

The 1977 estimates for establishments with payroll in all of the construction industries are based on reports from a probability sample of approximately 181,000 establishments selected from about 536,000 construction establishments with payroll. The sample included all construction establishments with a payroll equivalent of 15 or more full-time employees and a sample of those with fewer employees. There were two exceptions: In SIC 1521, sampling was employed in establishments with less than 20 employees because of the large number of establishments in that industry; in SIC 1795, all known establishments were included because of the very small number of establishments in that industry. The data obtained from the sample were inflated to represent all construction establishments with payroll. Complete descriptions of the sampling and estimating procedures will be included in the final reports.

Since the data in this report are based on a sample, they are subject to sampling variability and may be expected to differ from results which would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same schedules and procedures. The standard error shown in the tables is a measure of sampling variability, i.e., the variation that might occur by chance because only a sample of the population was surveyed. As calculated for this report, the standard error partially incorporates the effect of random errors of response, but it does not take into account the effect of any consistent biases due to those types of errors. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that

<sup>1</sup> Standard Industrial Classification Manual: 1972. For sale by Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, Stock No. 4101-0066. Price \$6.75. 1977 Supplement. Stock No. 003-005-00176-0. Price 90 cents.



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Table 1. Detailed Statistics for Establishments With Payroll: 1977, 1972, and 1967

(Thousands of dollars. Detailed figures may not add to totals because of rounding. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see text)

Item	Terrazzo, tile, marble, and mosaic work special trade contractors (1743)			Standard error of estimate (percent)		
	1977	1972	1967	1977	1972	1967
Number of establishments.....	3,882	4,270	4,984	3	5	4
Proprietors and working partners.....	2,423	2,917	3,979	5	6	6
All employees:						
March.....	21,088	29,196	30,505	2	3	1
May.....	22,745	30,497	31,828	2	3	1
August.....	23,139	31,906	33,629	2	3	1
November.....	22,390	30,345	30,928	2	3	2
Average.....	22,363	30,874	32,167	2	2	1
Construction workers:						
March.....	17,932	25,002	26,573	2	3	2
May.....	19,435	26,206	27,978	2	3	2
August.....	19,894	27,547	29,400	2	3	1
November.....	19,139	26,119	27,080	2	3	2
Average.....	19,121	26,600	28,254	2	3	1
Other employees:						
March.....	3,157	4,194	3,906	2	3	2
May.....	3,310	4,291	3,816	2	4	2
August.....	3,245	4,359	3,975	2	4	3
November.....	3,251	4,226	3,855	2	3	2
Average.....	3,247	4,274	3,922	2	3	2
Payroll, all employees.....	256,164	260,053	191,657	2	2	1
Payroll, construction workers.....	208,257	213,439	160,562	2	3	1
Payroll, other employees.....	47,907	46,614	31,072	2	3	1
First quarter payroll, all employees.....	55,569	(NA)	(NA)	2	(NA)	(NA)
Employer costs for fringe benefits.....	45,302	(NA)	(NA)	2	(NA)	(NA)
Legally required expenditures.....	26,282	(NA)	(NA)	2	(NA)	(NA)
Voluntary expenditures.....	19,020	(NA)	(NA)	2	(NA)	(NA)
All business receipts.....	789,660	716,892	562,614	2	3	1
Total construction receipts.....	767,005	703,114	555,714	2	3	1
Receipts for work subcontracted in from others.....	535,626	403,219	316,714	2	3	2
Other business and land receipts.....	22,655	13,778	6,933	4	7	5
Net construction receipts.....	750,940	684,738	545,310	2	2	1
Value added.....	443,495	419,398	324,769	2	3	1
Selected payments.....	346,165	297,494	237,868	2	3	1
Materials, components, and supplies.....	316,285	<sup>1</sup> 279,118	<sup>1</sup> 227,447	2	3	1
Construction work subcontracted to others.....	16,065	18,376	10,419	8	9	5
Selected power, fuels, and lubricants.....	13,815	(NA)	(NA)	3	(NA)	(NA)
Electricity.....	1,495	(NA)	(NA)	4	(NA)	(NA)
Natural gas.....	518	(NA)	(NA)	5	(NA)	(NA)
Gasoline and diesel fuel.....	10,581	(NA)	(NA)	3	(NA)	(NA)
Lubricating oils and greases.....	725	(NA)	(NA)	7	(NA)	(NA)
Other.....	498	(NA)	(NA)	9	(NA)	(NA)
Rental payments for machinery, equipment, and structures.....	4,531	(NA)	(NA)	3	(NA)	(NA)
For machinery and equipment.....	1,686	1,419	902	4	5	6
For structures.....	2,845	(NA)	(NA)	3	(NA)	(NA)
Selected purchased services.....	13,576	(NA)	(NA)	3	(NA)	(NA)
Communication.....	5,853	(NA)	(NA)	2	(NA)	(NA)
Repairs to structures and related facilities.....	737	(NA)	(NA)	6	(NA)	(NA)
Repairs to machinery and equipment.....	6,987	(NA)	(NA)	5	(NA)	(NA)
Capital expenditures.....	15,358	8,823	5,321	5	7	5
New.....	13,159	7,619	4,533	6	7	5
Structures and related facilities.....	2,261	1,503	1,344	18	23	10
Machinery and equipment, including automobiles and trucks.....	10,898	6,116	3,189	5	5	2
Automobiles and trucks intended primarily for highway use.....	9,048	(NA)	(NA)	6	(NA)	(NA)
Used.....	2,200	1,204	788	11	27	11
Structures and related facilities.....	483	508	325	23	59	17
Machinery and equipment, including automobiles and trucks.....	1,717	696	463	11	14	14
Fixed assets and depreciation:						
Gross book value of depreciable assets at end of year.....	77,732	70,409	(NA)	2	3	(NA)
Accumulated depreciation at end of year.....	38,328	33,865	(NA)	2	3	(NA)
Net value of depreciable assets at end of year.....	39,404	36,544	(NA)	3	4	(NA)
Depreciation charges during year.....	7,648	7,507	(NA)	3	4	(NA)
Structures, additions, and related facilities:						
Gross book value of depreciable assets at end of year.....	22,104	21,971	(NA)	4	6	(NA)
Accumulated depreciation at end of year.....	8,033	6,985	(NA)	4	6	(NA)
Net value of depreciable assets at end of year.....	14,071	14,986	(NA)	4	7	(NA)
Depreciation charges during year.....	959	1,580	(NA)	9	9	(NA)
Machinery and equipment:						
Gross book value of depreciable assets at end of year.....	55,628	48,438	(NA)	2	3	(NA)
Accumulated depreciation at end of year.....	30,295	26,880	(NA)	2	3	(NA)
Net value of depreciable assets at end of year.....	25,333	21,558	(NA)	3	4	(NA)
Depreciation charges during year.....	6,689	5,927	(NA)	3	4	(NA)

<sup>1</sup>Includes data for power, fuels, and lubricants, now shown separately.



Table 2. **Construction Receipts for Establishments With Payroll by Type of Construction: 1977 and 1972**

(Thousands of dollars. Detailed figures may not add to totals because of rounding. For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see text)

Item	Terrazzo, tile, marble, and mosaic work special trade contractors (1743)		Standard error of estimate (percent)	
	1977	1972	1977	1972
Construction receipts.....	767,005	703,114	2	3
Building construction.....	677,104	661,094	2	2
Single-family houses.....	263,091	208,443	3	5
Apartment buildings.....	76,688	95,623	5	4
Other residential buildings.....	31,541	36,050	5	5
Industrial buildings and warehouses.....	54,242	57,456	1	3
Office and bank buildings.....	57,854	70,353	2	2
Stores, restaurants, public garages, and automobile service stations....	62,983	48,076	3	3
Religious buildings.....	12,911	14,843	3	4
Educational buildings.....	57,129	66,751	2	2
Hospitals and institutional buildings.....	48,601	55,516	2	3
Other nonresidential buildings.....	12,064	7,983	4	3
Nonbuilding construction.....	12,669	7,513	11	10
Construction work not specified by kind.....	77,247	34,507	6	12

Note: See text for explanation of duplication.

an estimate from the sample would differ from a complete census by less than the standard error. The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the difference is less than twice the standard error.

This report does not include figures for separate administrative offices, warehouses, garages, or other auxiliary units which service construction establishments of the same company. Data for separate central administrative offices and auxiliaries are collected in the enterprise statistics survey, a part of the economic censuses.

This report is one in a series presenting preliminary data collected in the 1977 Census of Construction Industries. The universe for this census included all establishments classified in the construction industries (SIC's 15, 16, 17, and 6552). This report will be superseded by a more detailed final report. In addition to data for establishments with payroll presented here, the final Industry Summary report and the reports in the Geographic Area Series will present limited data for construction establishments with no payroll during 1977.

The totals of construction receipts reported by all construction establishments in each of the several industry, State, or other groupings in this census contain varying amounts of duplication, since the construction work (and the receipts) of one firm may be subcontracted out to other construction firms and, therefore, will be included in the subcontractor's receipts. To avoid this duplication, a "net construction receipts" figure has been derived by subtracting the payments made for construction work subcontracted to others from the construc-

tion receipts.

Usually, "value added" is the best measure for comparing the relative economic importance of industries or areas. It eliminates the duplication in receipts because of subcontracting. It also eliminates from the output measure the cost of materials, which differs in relative importance among areas and industries. For this census, "value added" is equal to all business receipts less payments for construction work subcontracted to others and payments for materials, components, supplies, and fuels. However, for industries for which land receipts are significant, "value added" is equal to all business receipts less land receipts, payments for construction work subcontracted to others, and payments for materials, components, supplies, and fuels.

#### The symbols in the tables mean:

- Represents zero.
- D Withheld to avoid disclosing figures for individual companies; figures are included in higher level totals.
- S Withheld because estimates did not meet publication standards on the basis of either the associated standard error or a consistency review.
- Z Standard error of estimate is greater than zero but less than 1 percent.
- a Sampling error is greater than 40 percent.
- NA Not available; data were not collected.

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